

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Phillips et al. (USP 5,589,784).

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phillips et al. (USP 5,589,784) in view of Maneatis (USP 6,462,527).

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phillips et al. (USP 5,589,784) in view of Maneatis (USP 6,462,527) and Shyr et al. (USP 6,472,897).

The Examiner allowed claims 8 and 10-14.

The Examiner stated that claims 6, 19 and 23-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants have rewritten claim 6 to include all the limitations of claim 1 and believe claim 6, as amended, is allowable. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 5, 23 and 24 to depend from amended claim 6 and Applicants likewise believe claims 2, 3, 5, 23 and 24 to be allowable. Further, Applicants have rewritten claim 19 to include all the limitations of claim 15 and believe claim 19, as amended, is allowable. Applicants have amended claims 16, 18, 25 and 26 to depend from amended claim 19 and Applicants likewise believe claims 16, 18, 25 and 26 to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding claim amendments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,
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